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**In Re Application of:**

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**Group Art Unit:** Not Yet Assigned

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**For:** SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
AUTOMATED SOFTWARE  
DISTRIBUTION IN A FIBER OPTIC  
NETWORK

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- ☒ was filed on September 28, 2001 as Serial No. 09/966,040.
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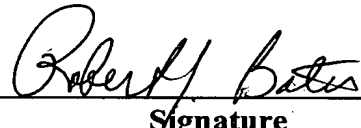
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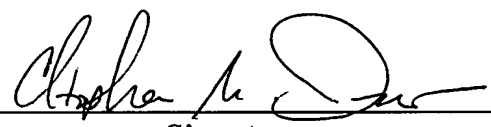
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